

# AREA NEWS

## Glenn Davis to receive Eagle rank Feb. 22

Glenn Alan Davis, Troop 37, Boy Scouts of America, will be promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony at the Elba First United Methodist Church Feb. 22, at 7 p.m.

A reception will follow in the church's Educational Building. All friends and relatives are invited.

## Mary Stephens on Dean's List at Montevallo

Mary Stephens of Elba was among more than 295 students making the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Montevallo with at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

## Pine Level School plans March reunion

Pine Level School will have a reunion March 20, beginning at 10 a.m. at the old school site. All former teachers and students are urged to attend. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the noon meal. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be furnished.

For more information call Todd Boland at 334/897-5889.

## Abundant Life to have BBQ

Abundant Life Emmanuel BBQ plates are \$4.50 each and BBQ Boston Butts are \$15 each. For more information, call 897-3778 or 897-5057.

## Estes joins Army

James M. Estes has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Enterprise. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Estes, a student at New Brockton High School, will report to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on July 1, 1999. He is the son of Mike E. and Alice D. Estes of Rt. 4, Enterprise.

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# The Elba Clipper

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## \$170,000 INTEREST FREE LOAN FROM AEC

## City of Elba gets new fire truck

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

The City of Elba has a new fire truck, thanks to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding made available through Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC). AEC is the recipient of \$170,000 from USDA Rural Development's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program.

"I'm glad that USDA Rural Development was able to assist the City of Elba in improving their fire protection capability," said Horace H. Horn, Jr., State Director of USDA Rural Development. "USDA Rural Development has partnered with rural electric cooperatives throughout the state to help improve the quality of life of thousands of rural Alabamians."

Horn, along with Jerry Andrews, Craig Cornwell, and Victor Wyatt, visited with Mayor James Grimes and Elba's Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers on Tuesday and presented the mayor and fire chief with the keys to the fire department's new pump.

"The city and fire department have been working diligently since 1990 to improve its fire rating to reduce the insurance costs of businesses and residences in the community," said Mayor Grimes. "Elba has a fire insurance rate classification of 6 at the present with its two major deficiencies being the fire truck pumping capacity and not having a reserve fire truck. "Adding a 1500 gallon-per-minute (GPM) pump and putting the older 500 gpm pump into reserve will meet the 3000 gpm pumping capacity requirement and add a reserve pump to the fire department."

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mented with four (4) pumps (including the new truck) with pumping capacities of 500 gpm, 750 gpm, 1250 gpm, and 1500 gpm, a rescue/backpack pump with a pumping capacity of 750 gpm, a grass fire truck, an equipment vehicle, and a chief's car.

The Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) and its 21 member owners serve rural areas in South and Central Alabama and the Florida panhandle. USDA Rural Development provides loans, grants, and guarantees of commercial credit in rural areas for housing, community development, business projects and utilities. The primary mission of USDA Rural Development is to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, grow and improve their quality of life. Information on all programs delivered by USDA Rural Development can be obtained from the Dothan Area Office at (334)793-7819.

The mayor added, "This addition to the fire department and correction of other deficiencies will lower the insurance classification to 5, possibly 4. These ratings are assigned after an inspection by ISO Commercial Risks Services, Inc."

AEC will establish a revolving loan fund with the funds received from USDA Rural Development. They will re-lend \$170,000 to the City of Elba to assist with the purchase of the new fire truck while the city is providing an additional \$34,000 toward the cost of the fire truck.

Both Andrews and Wyatt, who are with AEC, said that the Cooperative is pleased to cooperate with USDA Rural Development and the City of Elba to improve the level of fire protection service available to the citizens and businesses in Elba.

The zero-interest loan to the city will lower insurance costs and help the entire community. Elba has worked hard to overcome the setbacks from recent flooding and has competed with other economic development projects in the United States to secure this funding.

"The city has come a long way from the ISO rating of 10 when we first joined the fire department to the present rating of 6," said Chief Driggers. "And, we won't quit until we have obtained the very best rating possible."

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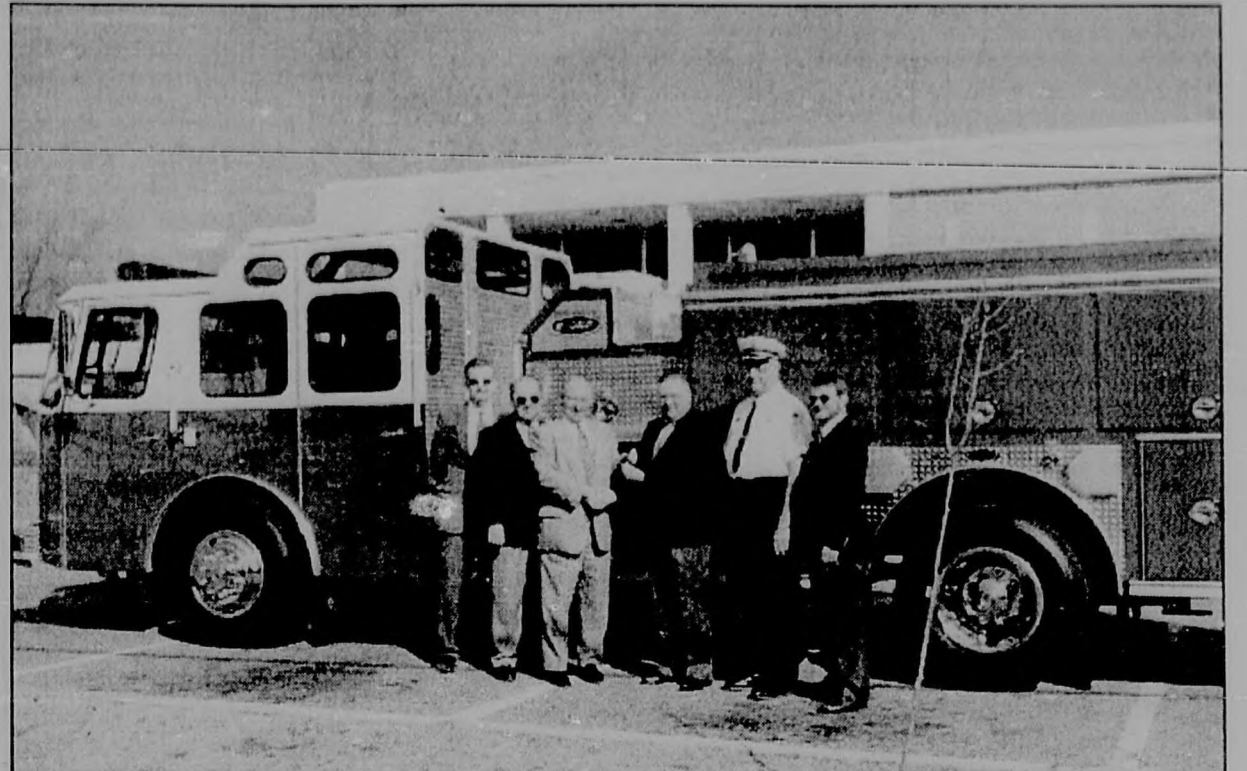
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**KEY PRESENTATION TO NEW FIRE TRUCK ...** took place Tuesday morning in front of the Elba City Hall. Pictured above are (l-r): Craig Cornwell, USDA-OGC; Jerry Andrews, AEC; Horace H. Horn, Jr., USDA; Mayor James Grimes; Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers; and Victor Wyatt, AEC.

## ARREST IN HOUSTON COUNTY PROMPTS MOVE

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

The murder trial of one of the two men charged with the robbery/murder of an Enterprise convenience store manager was moved to Elba last week.

Last Wednesday, an unusual heightening of security was noticed at the county courthouse in Elba. The presence of sheriff's deputies as well as police officers and state troopers at all entrances to the courthouse indicated that something out of the ordinary was taking place.

Hand-held metal detectors were used by deputies to scan all persons entering the courthouse and courtroom during the trial.

Upon further investigation, it was learned that the murder trial of Marcus Antonio Jones, 27, had been moved from temporary courthouse facilities in Enterprise to the courthouse in Elba as a precautionary measure so that better security could be provided for the defendant, officers of the court, and the jury. Both parties in the case - defense and

prosecution attorneys - agreed to the change of location.

After the selection of the jury had been made on Monday and Tuesday of last week, it was learned by Enterprise officials in Coffee County that a relative of the victim had been arrested on drug charges in Houston County. That alone is not what got officials' attention, but it was the fact that others items were discovered in the course of searching the relative's residence that prompted local officials to take extra precautions for the trial of Jones.

Law enforcement would not be specific as to what those items were; however, they were thought to be bomb-making materials.

At the conclusion of the trial Saturday, Circuit Judge William (Bill) Barr explained to the members of the jury what had transpired and why the trial had been moved to Elba. He emphasized the fact that at no time during the trial were they or anyone else involved in the trial in any danger but he and other officials

thought it was in the best interest of everyone to take the extra security precautions.

Jones, who is from Daleville, AL, was charged with capital murder in the slaying of Ronald Howard Jenkins.

Jenkins, 41, of Kinsey, AL, was shot in the neck while making a store night deposit at Regions Bank in Enterprise on July 28, 1997. He was robbed of \$13,345.53 (\$6,873.31 in cash, \$3,069.22 in checks, and \$1,403.00 in food stamps) from the Grocery Outlet's night deposit.

During the course of Jones' trial, Kasey Bernard Reedy, 26, of Enterprise, who also faces capital murder charges in the Jenkins murder, testified that it was his idea to rob the grocery store of its night deposit, but that it was Jones who killed the night manager.

According to Jones and his defense attorney, he was being falsely accused and that he was nowhere near the scene of the robbery/murder but was with a girlfriend at the time the incident occurred.

Testimony was offered by a state's witness that Reedy and Jones were seen together just before dark on the evening of the robbery/murder.

An eyewitness to the robbery/murder testified to seeing two men struggling with one another at the night deposit and hearing a "pop." He said that he witnessed a black man between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 8 inches running from the scene. It was noted that Reedy is

approximately 6 feet 3 inches tall while Jones is approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall.

There was later testimony from state's witnesses that Jones was observed with an injury (cut) to his head on the night of the robbery/murder. Testimony also was given that he bought and paid cash (\$1,100.00) for a used BMW in which he left the state and was later arrested in Atlanta, GA. He was unemployed at the time.

An aunt of Jones testified that he told her he had robbed before and would rob again, and even kill if he had to; however, he did not indicate to her who he had robbed.

Both Jones and Reedy were arrested in August of 1997. Jones had to be extradited from Georgia.

After three days of testimony and closing arguments by the prosecution and defense attorneys, the 8-woman, 4-man jury found Jones guilty of the lesser offense of murder and not capital murder with which he was originally charged. It took the jury four hours of deliberation to reach their decision.

Judge Barr, at the request of the defense attorneys, ordered a presentencing investigation after which a date will be set for a sentencing hearing. Jones was returned to the Coffee County jail.

According to the judge, Jones faces a possible sentence of 20 to 99 years or life in prison. A capital murder conviction would have meant the death sentence or life in prison without parole.

## Jones murder trial under tight security in Elba

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Two cases involving theft of county funds slowly making way through court

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

The two cases involving two women charged with stealing county funds are slowly making their way through the court system.

Susan Enfinger McGlothlen of Enterprise, who is charged with, and has since pleaded guilty to, first degree theft of property charges, is scheduled to appear March 11, 1999 before Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head for a sentencing hearing.

McGlothlen, a former bookkeeper in the Coffee County Commission office, is charged with taking more than \$71,000 in county funds while employed by the county. Last, May Mrs. McGlothlen repaid the funds to the county.

Initially, Mrs. McGlothlen had pleaded not guilty to the charges; however, on December 3, 1998 she changed her plea to guilty and a presentencing hearing was ordered by Judge Head.

Judge Head has ordered a presentencing investigation of Mrs. McGlothlen which will contain information about her personal life, employment record and any past criminal history.

First degree theft is a Class B felony and carries a possible sentence of 20 to twenty years in prison, and/or up to a \$10,000.00 fine.

## Family Services Center Grand Opening set for Friday

Coffee County Family Services Center will have its Grand Opening Friday, Feb. 19, with a reception beginning at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Congressman Terry Everett, and there will be refreshments and entertainment.

The Center is located within the Coffee County Health Department on 167 north of Enterprise.

**NOTICE**  
The night deposit (drop box) at Elba City Hall is open for deposits of utility bills. The drive-thru window will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day for payment of utility bills only. All other business is to be conducted inside city hall between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# LIFESTYLES

## New Arrival

### AVERY JOE THARPE

Robert and Bertha Ellis announce the birth of their first great grandson, Avery Joe Tharpe, to Jody and Carol Tharpe, on Jan. 25, 1999, in Sylacauga, Ala.

The new arrival is also the grandson of Charlene and Joe Tharpe of Alexander City, Ala., and the first great-grandson of Minnie D. Hudson.

The baby was born eight weeks early, and is now in the NICU at Baptist Montclair Hospital in Birmingham. Prayer is requested for the baby and his family.

### Sessions announces

Elba area service academy nomination

United States Senator Jeff Sessions announced today that he has nominated an Elba student for appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Daniel Matthew Murdock, son of Liz and Mickey Murdock, will now compete nationwide with other nominees. The respective academies will offer the majority of appointments by May of this year.

"This young man is one of the best and the brightest students in America," Sessions said. "I'm proud to play a role in selecting candidates for our service academies."

### Christina Cook is on Dean's list at UAB

Christina Cook has earned placement on the Dean's List at The University of Alabama at Birmingham for the 1998 fall term. Christina's grade point average was 3.8.

### Deadline for Social News

To Monday!

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Diane Catlett, from CEC presents check to Red Cross representative.

## CEC program provides money for disaster relief

Covington Electric Employees began selling Christmas tree fire alarms in November.

The alarms look like round Christmas tree ornaments, but when they detect temperatures above 113F, they emit a piercing screech, and that screeching could save a family's life.

According to John Chumley, director of the Covington County

## Sons of the American Revolution to meet

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Wiregrass Chapter, is meeting today (Thursday, Feb. 18), at noon at Po Folks Restaurant on the bypass in Enterprise.

The meeting is open to all active and former members of SAR, their families and friends. To be recognized at the meeting will be Miss Jennifer Deel, a Carroll High School (Ozark) junior, and a long-term member of the National Society of SAR, and Jack M. Bryan, of Geneva, who will receive a 25-year member pin and certificate.

Miss Deel is the daughter of Elmer and Janet Deel, and will represent the Wiregrass Chapter in the Joseph S. Rambaugh Historical Oratorical contest on Feb. 27 at the

## Annual Winter Carnival to be held at New Brockton Elementary

The New Brockton Elementary School PTO announces its annual Winter Carnival and extends an invitation to everyone in the community and in neighboring communities to attend. The carnival will be held Feb. 25 from 5:30 p.m. until

7:30 p.m. at the New Brockton Elementary School Center. The carnival will feature many activities, including face painting, cake walk, a toy walk, cookie decorating, ring toss and many more games, plus lots of food.

Raffle tickets to give away \$100 can be purchased at the carnival for \$1 or by contacting any New Brockton Elementary student beginning Feb. 12. The drawing will be held at approximately 6:30 p.m., but you do not have to be present to win.

There will be an auction at 6:30 p.m. Many of the items up for bid are donations from local merchants and families.

The school nurse will be offering blood pressure screenings for the cost of one ticket. Money raised at the carnival will be used to help fund the programs that the New Brockton Elementary School uses to enhance the children's education. Some of the programs which will benefit from the carnival are the Accelerated Readers Program and the music program.

## Relay For Life Benefit Pageant to be held in Enterprise

The Third Annual Coffee County "Relay For Life" Benefit Pageant will be held April 3 at 6 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room at Enterprise State Junior College. It is a "Sunday dress" event and categories include Baby "Relay for Life," Ages 0-2; Tiny Miss "Relay for Life," Ages 3-7; Petite Miss "Relay for Life," Ages 8-11; Junior Miss "Relay for Life," Ages 12-15; and Miss "Relay for Life," Ages 16-20. All proceeds go to benefit the American Cancer Society. Registration fee is \$20 and admission to the pageant is \$3. For more information contact: Elaine Suckey at 347-9444 or 347-1542 or Ida Guthrie at 347-0861 or 347-4949.

## Three-In-One Club hears Children's Choir

The Three-In-One Study Club held its February monthly meeting in the Elba City Library on Feb. 4.

Mrs. Joan Ross, minister to students at Elba First Baptist Church, directed a group of younger students in a creative movement to the song "Hallelujah" by Chris Rice. She

read Psalm 19:1-4 as an introduction to the movement. Members and guests showed their enjoyment and appreciation by requesting an encore by the group. Children participating were: Meredith Brunson, Shelby Brunson, Sydney Brunson, Kayla Homyak,

Chafin Johnson, Hannah Miller, Jason Johnson, Ryan McCollough, Megan Sullivan, Lindsie Sikes, Savannah Sikes, Cameron Irwin, Catherine Irwin, Ashley Carney, Gabby Pope.

After a short business session, the meeting adjourned.

## Landmark Park seeking volunteers for docent training

Landmark Park in Dothan is seeking volunteers to work as docents on the Wiregrass Farmstead during special events and educational programs. The park will offer a training workshop on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 9

a.m. Docents serve as general interpreters on the farm demonstrating turn-of-the-century domestic skills such as quilting, sewing, open hearth and wood stove cooking, soap making and clothes washing. To reserve a space in the workshop, or for more information, call the Landmark Park at 794-3452.

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## Miss March Pageant to be held March 7th

Come have fun with Miss March Pageant, March 7 at the Enterprise Civic Center. Judges score sheets and comment sheets

will be available! For more information please call Teressa Dutton at (334) 347-2848. If no answer, leave a message.

## Chapter # 2534 United Daughters of the Confederacy to hold Special Luncheon

The Gen. Edmond W. Rucker Chapter #2534 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold a special luncheon meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Citizens Bank community room in Enterprise.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Chaney of the Col. William C. Oates Camp No. 809 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. A ceremony will be conducted to

award three World War II Crosses of Military Service and the Korean Service Cross. These decorations will be bestowed on three veterans who are direct lineal descendants of a Confederate veteran.

Anyone wishing to attend the luncheon or desiring information about the UDC may contact Shirley Edberg (894-6120) or Lavinia Helms (347-6150).

## Fairhope plans Arts & Crafts festival

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce will present the 47th annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival March 19, 20 and 21, on the streets of downtown Fairhope.

Over 200 exhibitors from all over the nation will bring their best wares to show and sell at the juried show. Live entertainment will be going on throughout the three-day event and classic festival foods will be served.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily and there is no admission charge.

For more information call 334/621-8222, or visit the web site at www.ESchamber.com.

## "A Celebration of Dance" to be presented

March 7th in Dothan

Southeast Alabama Dance Company, along with the Alabama Ballet, will present "A Celebration of Dance" Sunday, March 7 at the Dothan Civic Center at 2:30 p.m.

The Alabama Ballet, a professional company from Birmingham, will perform Act II of "Coppelia" and a famous classic pas de deux. The other half of the program will be performed by the Southeast Alabama Dance Company. They will perform an all new story ballet to the classic fairytale of "Madeline." Three new works that are jazz and contemporary styles choreographed exclusively for SEADAC will also be performed.

Tickets are \$15 reserved seating. \$10 reserved seating is available for children, 12 and under and senior citizens, 60 and older. To order tickets, call the ticket chairman at 793-1722 or the SEADAC office at 702-7139.

A reception to meet the guest dancers from the Alabama Ballet will be held immediately following the performance. It will be held in the upstairs lobby of the Dothan Civic Center and tickets are \$10.

A special school performance of "Madeline" will be held on Friday, March 5 at 10 a.m. Tickets for this performance are \$5 reserved seating, and reservations can be made by calling the ticket chairman at 793-1722 or the SEADAC office at 702-7139.

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# CHURCH

## Senior Citizens resume meetings

by Wanda Sasser

The Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street are back in the swing, as members met at the HRDC Center on Factory St. Feb. 11.

We had lots of news to exchange,

as it has been some time since our last meeting. Many of our folks have been sick, but hopefully are on the mend. Those attending visited and played dominoes and enjoyed a delicious lunch together.

They were: Bonnie Wesley, Iris McDowell, Frances Shabon, Mattie Lou Goodson, Rushia Blanton, Lovia Brooks, Robert Stephens, Marion Brunson, Cora McBride, Anne Williams, Mary Phillips, and Wanda Sasser.

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Bailey, Annie J. Smith, Rosa Daniels, Hillie Hooks, Iris Tanks,

Lillie Sanford, Hanna Coleman, Marie Tillis, Lukey Cook, Laura

Pryor.

The Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church will observe Usher

Day Feb. 21, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Lawrence is pastor. Theme: Prov.

4:14-15; devotional and music; well-wishers; King; Scripture.

Brandy Brannon; duties of an usher

Ollie Henderson; sermon: Minister L.V. Johnson; offering:

Nathaniel Smith and Marcus Hines; remarks/recognition: Deacon and

president Jerry Silens.

Winter Revival Services will be held at Collins Chapel A.M.E.

Church, New Brockton Feb. 15-19,

at 7:30 each night. Guest evangelist will be Rev. Freddie Flowers, pastor

Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Elba.

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# SCHOOLS

## FBLA Week

by Cristy Houston

The Future Business Leaders of America and Phi Beta Lambda set aside the second week of February as FBLA-PBL Week, and chapters across the nation, in Puerto Rico, and in Europe prepare activities for the week.

On Wednesday, the members of the Zion Chapel Chapter were asked to dress in blue and yellow or gold. Each member was also given a name tag to wear on their shirts. Officers distributed grab bags to all the teachers. The bags were filled with teaching supplies.

On Thursday the monthly meeting was held. During the meeting members made cards and flyers that could be hung in the hall for \$1. All the money raised was donated to the March of Dimes Foundation. Also, members were given a Valentine pencil, a heart-shaped eraser, and a note pad.

## FHA Meeting

by Kendra Ward

The Zion Chapel Chapter of FHA held its monthly meeting Feb. 10 in the auditorium of the high school.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. with President Angie Laney presiding. There were 56 members present and one guest.

President Angie Laney turned the meeting over to Rita Johnston. She discussed the fund-raiser the club was going to sponsor. Students will be selling "Precious Moments" merchandise including figurines and candy. The fund-raiser will begin Wednesday, Feb. 10, and will end Wednesday, Feb. 17. Students who sell \$100 or more will be rewarded with a pizza party. The top sales person will be given \$20.

The members were also reminded of the state meeting which will be held April 9. Dress clothing must be worn. No jeans are allowed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

## BE CAREFUL!

## 16th Annual Birmingham Southern Honor Band

by Angie Laney

Stacey Cape and Angie Laney attended the Sixteenth Annual Birmingham Southern Honor Band held Feb. 5-7.

Angie and Stacey were chosen for the honor band by teacher recommendation and by their leadership abilities in the band. They participated in this band along with 93 other teenagers from 35 different schools throughout Alabama.

Upon arriving at the campus, where the honor band was held, students participated in try-outs. Later, the rehearsals were held and the placements of chairs were announced.

The director of the band was Dr. Sydney McKay from the University of Memphis. He was the director of the First Annual Birmingham Southern Honor Band. The pieces he directed were "Lustiel

Overture", "Nocturne", the concert the band presented Dr. McKay with a gift to thank him for his work and dedication. "Explorations", "The Flying Eagle March", "Prelude on a Hymn of Praise", and the "Ascension." After

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### BREAKFAST

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Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Ham & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Nuggets, Pepperoni Pizza, Corn Nuggets, Broccoli Spears, Pear Crisp, Rolls, Milk  
Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Hamburgers, Tossed Salad, Mexican Corn, Fruit, Cookies, Rolls, Milk  
Wednesday - Corned Nuggets, Roast Beef Sandwich, Onion Rings, Whole White Potatoes, Fruit, Milk  
Thursday - Chili, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Vegetable Stix w/ Dip, Crackers, Fruit, Milk  
Friday - Beef/Veg. Soup, Fish Nuggets, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Cornbread Muffins, Fruit, Milk

## Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

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## Rebel News Briefs

### ZC STUDENT ON THE ANN VARNUM SHOW

by Angie Laney

FHA/HERO State President Angie Laney appeared on the Ann Varnum Show Monday, Feb. 8, to celebrate the first day of National FHA/HERO week. The show was aired live on WTVY Channel 4 at 7:15 a.m. On the show, Angie was asked questions about FHA and why she wanted to be state president. Angie also discussed the activities that would be going on during FHA Week. The interview lasted about five minutes.

### FHA WEEK CELEBRATED

by Kendra Ward

Students at Zion Chapel High School celebrated FHA Week, Feb. 8-14. Activities started with Angie Laney appearing on the Ann Varnum Show on Monday. On Tuesday, students came to school early to prepare a breakfast for the high school and elementary faculties. On Wednesday, the FHA meeting was held and students were reminded of FHA week. And on Thursday the members of FHA got goody bags filled with candy for their participation in FHA. Although Friday was a holiday, Angie Laney spoke at a mother/daughter banquet at Homewood High School as part of FHA week.

### POWERPOINT

by Carissa Walker

The members of the ninth grade class got to experience a different way of organizing information. Coach Mark Coale showed his class a PowerPoint presentation to make their learning more fun. The presentation included outlines, pictures, animation, and even some graphs and tables, organize charts, and produce professional presentations. In PowerPoint, you can experience that can be applied to problems you may face in the real world.

### TESSELLATIONS

by Mitchell McIntosh

Mrs. McCrory's eighth grade Pre Algebra class is studying tessellations. Tessellations are a repetitive pattern of polygons that fit together with no holes or gaps. Her students had to draw tessellations on graph paper. Each student started out with a square. Then, they drew lines through the square to separate it into four regions. Next, students redrew the figure by moving each piece diagonally so that the corners of the original square met. This is the figure that the students used to make the tessellation. The students covered their graph paper with this figure, and then they colored them with markers, crayons, or pencils. No two tessellations were alike. The tessellations are being displayed in Mrs. McCrory's room.

## ZC Grandparents Visit Elementary Classes



Pictured above (l-r) are: standing - Barbara Amlog, Ben Amlog, Betsy Dismukes, and Grover Wilson; Seated - Sybil Hines, Genevieve Wilson, and Elouise Dorn.

by Alisha Walker

Mrs. Shirley Goodson teaches the McGruff program to kindergarten through fourth grade. She teaches one section per grade level on alternate weeks. Mrs. Deborah Herron is the elementary counselor. To end the unit on family in the drug-ed and guidance lessons, they had Grandparent's Day. Letters were sent to each child's grandparent or grandparents, inviting them to come eat lunch with their grandchild. They had to sign and return the form, along with \$2 per person. Approximately 200 grandparents attended the special occasion. They visited from about 10:30 a.m. until 12:10 p.m. The lunch menu included turkey and turnips. Some grandparents visited in the classrooms for the Valentine's parties. Others spoke to classes about their lives as students and what school was like "way back when."

## Zion Chapel Campus Beauties K Thru 12th Grade Chosen In Recent Pageant

by Charlie Maddox

The Campus Beauty Pageant was held recently, and it included four separate categories: "Little Miss," Elementary Miss, Jr. Miss, and Campus Beauty. They were divided up by grades: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and finally 10-12. Three winners were chosen from each category with the exception of the Elementary Miss which had four.

The winner of the Little Miss was Leana Jordan Vinson. Leana is the daughter of Ricky and Ginger Vinson. She has blonde hair and hazel eyes. She is seven years old and in the second grade. Her hobbies include cheering, taking care of her cat, Leonard, and her dog, Lady, swimming, working on her computers and visiting the nursing home. Her favorite shows are "I Love Lucy" and "Happy Days." Her favorite singer is Deana Carter. The beach is her favorite place and the Bible is her favorite book. The first runner-up was Brooke Stinson. She is the daughter of Dr. and Sharon Stinson. She is nine years old and in the third grade. The second runner-up was Summer Parker. She is the daughter of Suzanne and Greg Parker. She is nine years old and in the third grade.

The winner of the Elementary Beauty was Kenna Roberts. Kenna is the daughter of Phillip and Stacy Roberts. She is 12 years old and in the sixth grade. She has sandy blonde hair and hazel eyes. Her hobbies include riding horses, cheerleading, and playing softball. Her favorite movie is "101 Dalmatians." Her favorite song is "Never Ever" by All Saints. In the future she plans to attend the University of Alabama and become a NFL head coach. The first runner-up was Keri Hobbs. She is the daughter of Joan Hobbs. She is 11 years old and in the fifth grade. The second runner-up was Erica Ellis. She is the daughter of Doug and Cindy Stephens and the late Keith Ellis. She is 11 years old and is in the sixth grade. The third runner-up was Erica Lewis. She is the daughter of Danny and Jan Lewis. She is 10 years old and in the fourth grade.

## Rebel Basketball

### AREA TOURNAMENT BEGINS

by Josh Faircloth

The Zion Chapel Varsity Boys went to Dothan to play the Houston Academy Raiders in the first round of the area tournament for boys. The Raiders won 70-45. The Raiders led at the half 34-19. John Jones led the Rebels in scoring with 13 points. Josh Grantham added 12 points. Other scorers for the Rebels were John Arnold with 6, Bo Adkison with 5, Justin Law with 4, Josh Faircloth with 3, and Jason Spear with 2 points. The Rebels were 1-8 from the free throw line and committed 10 team fouls.

### ZC LADY REBELS BASKETBALL

ZC vs Houston Academy

by Chan Grantham and Bo Adkison

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels went to Dothan for an area tournament and played the Houston Academy Raiders in the first round. The Raiders won 72-49. Rebecca Kidd led the Rebels with 22 points. Kayla Eddins scored 15, Kendra Ward scored 8, Jessica Kelley and Crystal Boyd had 2 points each. The Rebels were 3-17 from the free-throw line and committed 18 team fouls.

## Co-Op Spotlight



by Deana Gilford

This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Josh Prettyman. Josh is an employee at Windham Lumber Company and is the son of Greg and Janice Prettyman. He is a senior at Elba High School and is a member of VICA. In his free time Josh enjoys riding around, going to the beach, and being with friends. After high school, Josh plans to attend Florida State University majoring in architecture.

We are proud to shine this week's Co-Op Spotlight on Josh Prettyman.

## Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox

Editor

Daniel Murdock

Editor

## Yearbook Pay-by-mail Program

by Natasha Bannin

Ordering an Elbala will be a little different this year. If anyone would like to purchase a 1999 Elbala, they will have to do so through the mail. Each student should receive an order form in the mail. Payments can be made by check, money order, or credit card. This process reduces a lot of confusion. Your order and money will go directly to the company rather than through the school. Please remember to place your order through the mail because you will not be able to do so through the school.

## Elba High Seniors Face Reality Check

by Anna Maddox

Graduation is drawing near for the Class of 1999. A couple of recent events have kept graduation in perspective for this year's seniors.

Cap and gown pictures were made on Thursday, January 21, 1999, giving the seniors the opportunity to ascertain themselves with a small sense of the honor and prestige they will experience on May 18 of this year. However, unlike graduation night, upon removing their caps and gowns, the seniors had to report back to class.

The following day, the seniors were again dismissed from class and called to an assembly headed by Mr. Mike Canley, the school counselor. Mr. Canley spoke with the students about information concerning scholarships and financial aid. He also warned them against the dangers of senioritis and procrastination when it comes to applying to colleges. "Seniors really need to be applying to colleges if they haven't already done so. They need to stay on top of deadlines."

Also, a financial aid workshop is to be held on February 18th in the auditorium. This workshop, sponsored by Wallace College, will give students the opportunity to fill out applications and take home scholarship information from colleges in the surrounding area. An encouraging 60-70% of students who apply to colleges receive some sort of financial aid. For this reason, seniors need to take the application process seriously and stay on their toes in the weeks to come.

Many politicians believe that more information should be shared to the general public because it is their absolute right to know. "It should appeal to libertarian conservatives who wish to empower the individual against the government state as much as it does to liberals who want to attain greater freedom and to provoke them through information to question those in authority," said Mark Fisher of the House of Commons, "and thus perhaps change society."

A bill allowing the public greater knowledge about the functions of government would lead to a better understanding of why government operates the way it does. Better accountability translates into improved understanding and credibility of politicians. More information would lead to greater choice, improved safety, and better use of resources. Citizens feel that they can no longer trust politicians and their confidence in politicians will only improve with the right to know.

Even though there is a strong push for fewer governmental secrets there still lies several reasons why strict censorship could offer a better lifestyle for the public. Richard Shepard believes that increasing public knowledge could soon lead to arguments over intangibles instead of the real problems at hand. Many times the government simply hides secrets out of convenience in order to prevent a public uproar. In other instances larger sectors of the public would rather not hear about the uncertainty facing the nation's leaders' private lives as the media tends to blow these situations out of proportion. Such is the case with Bill Clinton. Surveys show that close to seventy percent of the nation's citizens are tired of hearing about Clinton's ongoing affair; instead they would rather hear about the issues concerning national security. Censorship can be very beneficial as it offers public safety, equal

## XAM Sponsors Math Competition

Chi Alpha Mu is sponsoring a weekly mathematics competition. A problem, the XAM Power, is presented on Monday of each week. This problem (problem A for 7-8 grade and problem B for 9-12) is placed on the announcement sheet. Any student may give the solution (in writing) and an explanation of how it was determined to Mrs. King by 3:00 on Friday. All correct solutions will be announced the following Monday.



Deann Smith

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Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Cheese Grits, Cereal, Toast/Jelly, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, English Peas, Roll, Peach half, Milk  
Tuesday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Baked Sweet Potato, Milk  
Wednesday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk  
Thursday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, French Fries, 1/2 Apple, Milk  
Friday - Barbecue, Baked Beans, Rice, Bread, Banana, Milk

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## 1999 Miss Elbala Pageant Winners

by Lee English

The 1999 Elbala Pageant was held January 30, 1999 in the Elba High School auditorium. There were four divisions including the Mini Miss, kindergarten through third grades; Little Miss, fourth through sixth grades; Junior Miss, seventh through ninth grades; and tenth through twelfth grades.

The Mini Miss winner was Meghan Anderson, first runner-up was Kerri Jones, and the second runner-up was Shanika Pruitt. The Little Miss winner was Cameron Irwin, first runner-up Anna Harrison and the second runner-up was Whitley Kilcrease.

The Junior Miss winner was Mary Katherine Head, first runner-up Anna Anderson, and the second runner-up was Kerri Lawford.

The Miss Elbala winner was Kendra Vaughn, first runner-up Lisa Wing, and the second runner-up was Valice Moore. Congratulations to all of the winners!



Lance Boutwell assists Leslie Stinson in the crowning of the 1999 Miss Elbala Kendra Vaughn.

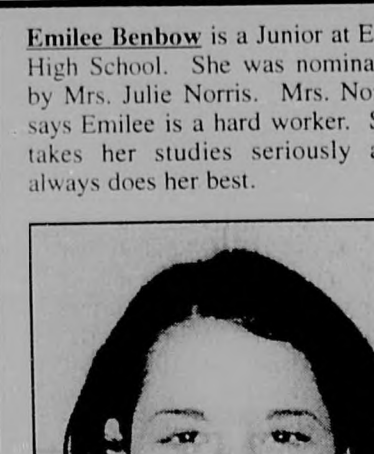
The emcees for the pageant were Casey Henderson and Emily Bryan. The entertainment was provided by Oneida Davis, Leanne Mallory, Kabreisha Tyson, and Stephanie Williams.

## Students of the Month



BRIAN BRUNSON

Brian Brunson is a sophomore at Elba High School. Mrs. Wallace says Brian is very polite and always respects his fellow classmates. Not only is he respectful - he also tries very hard to succeed and make good grades.



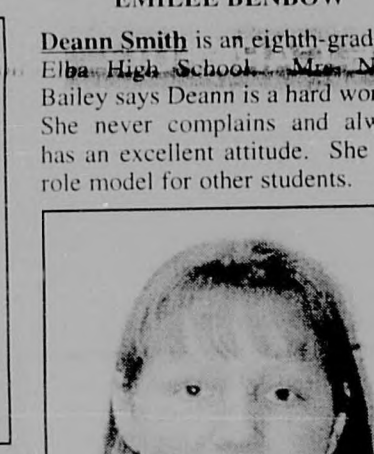
EMILEE BENBOW

Deann Smith is an eighth-grader at Elba High School. Mrs. Bailey says Deann is a hard worker. She never complains and always has an excellent attitude. She is a role model for other students.



CHERRELLE EDWARDS

Cherrelle Edwards is an extremely active eighth-grader at Elba High School. Mrs. Karen Bowers says Cherrelle always has a cheerful personality and he always gives 100%. He is respectful to everyone.



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## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melanie received a small television set for Christmas, and while I thought the whole purpose of the TV was to let her play Nintendo, it turned out that I was wrong when we put the TV in her room and hooked up the cable. Instead of Dad and Melanie up front watching TV at night, it was just Dad, as Melanie stayed in her room and watched her own shows. After we explained that the TV wasn't to be turned on until after she finished her homework and took a bath, I began to worry about which of the cable networks she might watch, and told her the channels she was not to watch. Well, it turned out there was nothing to worry about, because her favorite shows are "I Love Lucy" and "Bewitched," with more of the old comedies coming in close behind. Maybe cable isn't so bad after all!

## ELBA TIGERS CLOSE SEASON WITH OVERTIME LOSS

The Elba Tigers saw their season come to a disappointing end Friday night with an overtime loss in sub-region action to the heavily favored Calhoun Hornets, in Calhoun. The Tigers were dispatched to the Lowndes County school after placing second in the area tournament, and were given little chance of winning, especially since the Hornets had blasted the Tigers 55-76 only a year ago in the same round of the playoffs. This time around the Tigers gave the Hornets all they could handle, and could have easily brought home the win and a berth in this week's Southeast Regionals, at Troy State. It went down in the books as a loss and left the Tigers with a final record of 16-12; however, the Tigers gave a winning effort in a very hostile environment, and are to be congratulated on their effort and hard work. It would have been easy to just go through the motions after losing to Calhoun in the area finals, but this group of Tigers played with pride and determination for all four quarters and into overtime, and gave their fans a hard time battling throughout the season. The players put in countless hours of hard work at practice, and then worked even harder in the games to put a win in the books, and never gave up no matter the competition. Good job!

Here are a few notes about the season that Tiger fans may not have realized....

\*\*\*Of Elba's sixteen wins, only two came over a team with a winning record, with both of those coming over cross-county rival New Brockton by 17 points and 3 points. The Tigers defeated Zion Chapel three times by a total of 52 points, and claimed three big wins over area rival Slocomb by a total of 50 points. The average margin of winning was by over 14 points, with six of the wins coming by over twenty points.

\*\*\*Of Elba's twelve losses, all came to teams that posted winning records, and seven were to teams that are still playing in regional tournaments. The Tigers were either tied or leading at the half in six of the twelve losses, and suffered three of the losses after leading at the half by 12, 11 and 9 points. The average margin of a loss this season was less than eight points, including four losses that were by a total of only six points.

\*\*\*Elba competed in four tournaments this season and brought home two tournament championships and one second place trophy. The Tigers won the C.B. and T. Thanksgiving Tourney and the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament, placed second in the Class 3A, Area 3 Tournament, and dropped their opening game in the Red Level Holiday Tournament. Their total record for tournament games was 6-2.

\*\*\*Elba got off to a 9-1 start during the season and moved up to third in the Class 3A poll, and owned an impressive 11-3 record after winning the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament. The Tigers stumbled down the home stretch, however, posting only a 2-7 record over the last nine games, and closing out the regular season with four straight defeats.

\*\*\*Elba posted more wins on the road than at home this season. The Tigers posted a 5-4 record at home, and went 11-8 on the road, with six of the road wins coming in tournaments. The regular season road wins came at Zion Chapel, New Brockton, Slocomb, Opp and Luverne.

\*\*\*The 16-12 record gives Coach Marlon Johnson a 25-23 record for his two years at the Tiger helm. His first Tiger team last season ended the year with a 9-11 record, while this year's 16-12 tie the Tigers a winning record in Johnson's second year at the helm. Not an impressive overall record, but a definite turnaround in the right direction from one season to the next.

## NEW BROCKTON CLAWS WAY INTO SOUTHWEST REGIONAL

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled their way through the Class 2A, Area 2 Tournament and then outlasted a highly-ranked state power in the Sub-Regional contest last week to advance to the Regional Tournament for the first time in six years. The Gamecocks staged a furious second half rally to escape with a 65-62 win over Red Level in the area finals, and then disposed of fifth-ranked Southern Choctaw 52-49 in sub-regional action, to punch their ticket to Bay Minette. The Gamecocks' late-season surge upped their win total to 22, the most in years, while the area win over Red Level brought back memories of the Gamecocks' wild win over Headland many years ago, a tourney win that propelled the Gamecocks to a state championship. With only two seniors on this year's squad, New Brockton has certainly set the foundation for another run at a state title.

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## Clayton rallied in second half

## Tigers fall in area finals 61-48

The Elba Tigers battled the Clayton Tigers on even terms throughout the opening two quarters last Tuesday night, but fell victim to the Clayton press and countless turnovers in the second half as they were defeated 61-48, in the finals of the Class 3A, Area 3 Basketball Tournament.

The loss left Elba with a 16-11 record, while Clayton improved to 10-10 with the win.

Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on a driving lay-up by Wayne Reed, but the Tiger offense failed to score again for over five minutes, as Clayton took an 8-2 advantage with 21:13 left in the opening stanza.

Back-to-back buckets by Elba's Derrick Duncan and Mark Wicker enabled the Tigers to pull within 8-6 with 1:10 left in the quarter, only to see Clayton answer the rally with a 6-0 run of its own to take a 14-6 lead after one quarter of play.

Clayton took its biggest lead of the half at 18-8 with 6:22 remaining in the second quarter. However, a three-point play by Tim Ware cut the lead to 18-11 with 5:34 left in the stanza, and then senior Mark Wicker took over at both ends of the court as he yanked down every missed shot that came off the boards and poured in the Tigers' final nine points of the quarter as the Tigers pulled even at 22-22 at intermission.

Elba turned the ball over on its first five possessions of the second half without even getting off a shot, and Clayton took advantage of the Tiger turnovers to score seven

unanswered points to go ahead 29-22 with 6:24 left in the quarter.

Elba did rally midway through the quarter, and pulled within 31-28 with 4:16 left in the stanza on a leaping jumper by Mark Wicker, only to see Clayton respond with an 8-0 spurt that increased the Clayton lead to 39-28 with 2:24 still remaining.

A bucket by the Tigers' Derrick Duncan ended the Elba scoring drought, but Clayton was in complete command, and outscored the Tigers 21-8 in the third quarter to take a big 43-30 advantage.

Clayton put any Elba hopes of a comeback to rest early in the final stanza as the home team gave its fans plenty to cheer about by going on a 7-3 run to grab a lopsided 50-33 lead with 4:28 left on the clock. Elba's Tim Ware and Derrick Duncan began to score from inside late in the stanza, and Eric Jordan nailed a long three-pointer, but it was way too little, way too late, as Clayton easily held on to down the Tigers 61-48.

Mark Wicker scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Wayne Reed added 12. LaKeith Person scored 28 points to lead Clayton.

C 14 8 21 18 - 61  
E 6 16 8 18 - 48

Clayton (61): L. Person 28, Rogers 12, Reeves 10, T. Person 5, Glover 4, Guice 2.

Elba (48): Jordan 8, Hill 2, Duncan 6, Reed 12, Wicker 15, Ware 5.

## Elba drops 63-62 overtime thriller to Calhoun in 3A Sub-Regional battle

The Elba Tigers saw their season come to a disappointing end Friday night with a heart-breaking 63-62 overtime loss to the Calhoun Hornets, in a Class 3A, Sub-Region contest.

The loss left Elba with a final record of 16-12, while Calhoun advanced to the Southeast Region Tournament with the win and improved its record to 16-12.

The Tigers rallied from an 11-point third quarter deficit to send the game into overtime on an Eric Jordan three-pointer with 07 left in regulation. However, Calhoun scored with only 02 left in the extra period to take the lead and the Tigers saw a last-second shot fail to connect as the Hornets escaped with the win.

Tim Ware scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Wayne Reed added 18 and Eric Jordan scored 11. Antwon Gipson scored 20 points to lead Clayton, while David Webb scored 19 points and pulled down 16 rebounds.

## Four Elba players named to Area 3 All-Tournament team

The Elba Tigers and Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Class 3A, Area 3 Basketball Tournament last week at the Clayton High School gym, and two members of both teams were honored by being named to the "All-Tournament" team.

Mark Wicker and Wayne Reed were both named to the "All-Tournament" team in the boys tournament. Wicker, a senior, scored a total of 25 points in the two tournament games and was a dominating factor on the boards, while Reed, a

## BOYS &amp; GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, FEB. 18

5:30 - Tide vs. Bulldogs  
6:30 - Jaguars vs. Hornets

## SATURDAY, FEB. 20

9:00 - Tigers vs. Trojans  
10:00 - Sparks vs. Rockers  
11:00 - Wildcats vs. Bruins  
12:00 - Tarheels vs. Hoosiers  
1:00 - Blazers vs. Hoyas  
2:00 - Tarheels vs. Huskies

## TUESDAY, FEB. 22

5:30 - Tide vs. Tigers  
6:30 - Trojans vs. Bulldogs

Coffee County Trail Riders will have a ride at Pine Level Feb. 20-21. Riders are to meet at Jimmy Bryan's Welding Shop 8:30-9:00 a.m. Saturday.



Elba's Tim Ware (42) soars to pull down rebound during action in last week's area tournament in Clayton.



Elba's Mark Wicker (40) is fouled as he goes up for a shot during action last week in the Class 3A, Area 3 tournament. Wicker scored 25 points in two games to lead the Tigers to runner-up honors in the tournament.

Web site available to help senior golfers find courses

The Senior Golfers Association of America has launched a web site to help senior golfers aged 50+. The site offers information about membership in the association, golf course reviews, golfing tips for senior golfers, and details about amateur tournaments held throughout the United States.

## ELBA PARKS AND RECREATION RECREATION REPORT

Baseball and Softball Registration to begin February 22

Registration for "Boys Baseball" and "Girls Softball" will begin in Elba on Monday, February 22, and continue through Friday, March 12. Leagues for baseball will include Tee-Ball (ages 4-6), Coach Pitch (ages 7-8), Dixie Minor (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth (ages 11-12), Dixie Boys (ages 13-14), Dixie Pre-Majors (ages 15-16) and Dixie Majors (ages 17-18). League age will be determined by the age of the participant on August 1, 1999.

Leagues for softball will include Tee-Ball (ages 4-6), Coach Pitch (ages 7-8), 10 and Under (ages 9-10), 12 and Under (ages 11-12) and 16 and Under (ages 13-16). League age will be determined by the age of the participant on January 1, 1999.

Registration is \$10 per person, with a \$20 fee for two members of the same family and a \$25 fee for families with three or more members. Registration forms will be available at the Elba Elementary School, Elba High School, City Hall and the Elba Recreation Center. For more information call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Coaches needed for youth baseball and softball teams

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for coaches for the boys baseball and girls softball leagues for the 1999 season. Approximately 24 teams are expected to participate in the baseball leagues, with 18 teams expected in the softball leagues. Coaching applications may be picked up at the Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton Avenue. For more information call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Mens softball league to hold meeting February 24

Anyone wishing to enter a team in the Elba Men's Softball League should attend a pre-season meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7:00 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton Avenue. The team fee for the 1999 season will be \$10 per player, with a team minimum of \$120. For more information call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833. The mens softball league is scheduled to begin its season in mid-March and anyone wishing to enter a team, or interested in entering a team in the league should attend this very important meeting.

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## SPORTS

## Ambushes Southern Choctaw Indians

## New Brockton advances with 52-49 sub-regional win

The New Brockton Gamecocks punched their ticket to the Class 2A Southwest Region Basketball Tournament Friday night by posting an exciting 52-49 win over the fifth-ranked Southern Choctaw Indians, in Class 2A, Sub-Region action.

The win improved the Gamecocks' record to 22-8 and earned them a berth in the Southwest Region Tournament, in Bay Minette, while Southern Choctaw closed its season with a 15-8 slate.

The Gamecocks jumped out to an

early 3-2 lead on a three-pointer by Pate Harrison with 5:15 left in the first quarter, only to see the Indians respond to the early challenge with an 8-2 run to grab a 10-5 advantage.

A basket by Harrison and a three-pointer by Kellen Cole pulled New Brockton even at 10-10 with 1:04 left in the stanza, and the score was still tied at 14-14 at the end of the quarter after a last-second bucket by the Gamecocks' Jason McKenzie.

Southern Choctaw opened the second quarter with a 7-2 spurt to grab a 21-16 lead with 5:42 left in

the stanza, and the Indians took their biggest lead of the night at 26-19 with 3:28 left on a three-point bomb by Michael Kirksey.

A driving lay-up by Pate Harrison stopped the Indian rally, and the Gamecocks staged a rally of their own late in the stanza as Harrison and Kellen Cole sparked New Brockton to a 5-0 run that cut the Southern Choctaw lead to 28-26 by the end of the half.

New Brockton caught the Indians at 32-32 with 5:35 left in the third

quarter on a driving lay-up by Kellen Cole, only to see Southern Choctaw again go on the warpath and reel off six unanswered points to take a 38-32 lead with 3:14 remaining.

Kellen Cole nailed a jumper from the corner and then hit nothing but net on a three-pointer as the Gamecocks pulled back within 38-37 with 1:16 still left in the quarter, and New Brockton finally sneaked ahead with 23 left on the clock when Andre Flowers hit a short jumper to put the Gamecocks on top

41-40 with one quarter left to play! The teams swapped baskets early in the fourth quarter as the lead saw-sawed on almost every bucket. The Gamecocks moved on top 50-47 with 1:21 left on a pair of free-throws by Josh Lewis, then took a 51-47 lead with only 36 left when Jason McKenzie added a free-throw.

Southern Choctaw pulled within 51-49 with 18 left on the clock, but McKenzie hit one of two free-throw chances with 15 left to put the Gamecocks up 52-49, and New Brockton held on in the closing seconds to claim the exciting sub-

regional win. Kellen Cole scored 16 points to lead New Brockton, while Jason McKenzie added 14. Spence Johnson scored 14 points to lead Southern Choctaw.

NB 14 12 15 11 - 52  
SC 14 14 12 9 - 49

N.B. (52): Flowers 2, Lewis 9, McKenzie 14, Cole 16, Harrison 9, Toole 2.  
S.C. (49): S. Leverette 4, Kirksey 11, D. Leverette 5, Hill 7, Scruggs 6, Johnson 14, McGrew 2.

## Furious second half rally gives Gamecocks area title with 65-62 win over Red Level

The New Brockton Gamecocks staged a furious fourth quarter rally last Tuesday night to defeat the Red Level Tigers 65-62, to claim the championship of the Class 2A, Area 2 Basketball Tournament.

The win upped the Gamecocks' record to 21-8 and gave New Brockton its first area title in six years, while Red Level saw its record slip to 16-8 with its third loss of the season to the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks appeared ready to take the crown early on as they opened up a 13-8 lead midway through the opening quarter, only to see Red Level rally to grab a 16-13

lead by the end of the stanza, and then run away and go in at the half with a commanding 38-22 advantage.

The Gamecocks outscored the Tigers 16-4 to open the third quarter as they chopped the Red Level lead to 43-38, and got as close as 45-41 late in the stanza on a three-pointer by Danny Toole.

Red Level regained control late in the period to carry a 51-43 lead into the final stanza. However, the Gamecocks' Kellen Cole then took over from there as the talented junior burned the nets for two three-pointers and scored 10 points during

a 16-8 New Brockton spurt that enabled the Gamecocks to pull even at 59-59 with 3:13 left on the clock.

Another Cole three-point bomb put the Gamecocks ahead 62-59, but the Tigers answered and hit three key free-throws to pull back into a 62-62 tie. Pate Harrison scored on a short jumper to put Brockton back up to 64-62, and Cole hit a free-throw with 03 left to give the

Gamecocks the 65-62 win. Kellen Cole scored 20 points and grabbed 19 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Jason McKenzie added 16 points. Jamie Wright scored 14 points to lead Red Level.

## New Brockton Elementary PTO to hold Winter Carnival on February 25th

The New Brockton Elementary School PTO announces its annual Winter Carnival and extends an invitation to everyone in the community and in neighboring communities to attend. The carnival will be held Feb. 25 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the New Brockton Farm Center.

The carnival will feature many activities, including face painting, a cake-walk, a toy walk, cookie decorating, ring toss and many more

games, plus lots of food. Raffle tickets to give away \$100 can be purchased at the carnival for \$1 or by contacting any New Brockton Elementary student beginning Feb. 12. The drawing will be held at approximately 6:30 p.m., but you do not have to be present to win.

There will be an auction at 6:30 p.m. Many of the items up for bid are donations from local merchants and families.

The school nurse will be offering blood pressure screenings for the cost of one ticket.

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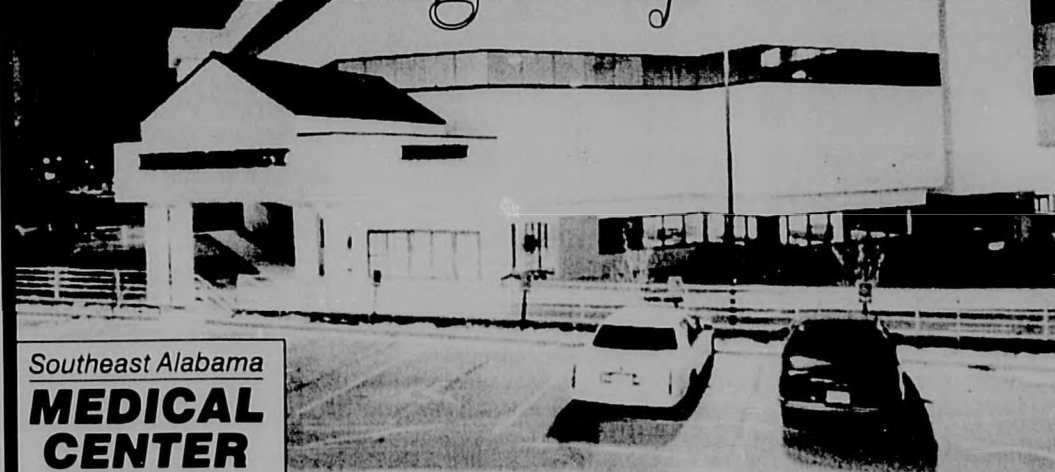
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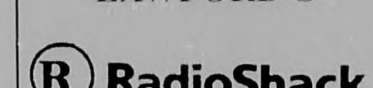
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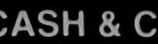
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# Plane Restorations bring history to Elba

by Linda Hodge

History is being rekindled in Elba through the restoration of planes whether they be old war birds, the classics or replicas.

Mike Haynes, owner of Wing Nuts Aircraft Re/Builders, has been involved with aviation nearly all his life, and began his plane restoration business almost two years ago.

Although Haynes has been a commercial rated pilot since 1975, he said he spent much of his career in airport management instead of flying. Piloting has always been a hobby for him and not work. And, it was his fascination and love for aircraft that led to his current trade.

"It (plane restoration) is not anything I set out to do," Haynes said. "I've always been an avid modeler, and I got into this business sort of

haphazardly."

He said people would see his modeling work and began asking him to do things for them. That soon led to a suggestion that he restore planes for a living.

Haynes began his business, Wing Nuts, in Enterprise two years ago, but moved to the Elba Airport about six months ago after learning of an available hanger at the airport. He decided to move the business to the airport after the Elba Airport Authority approved his use of the hanger. Haynes said having the hanger at the airport has been very helpful to his business and trade.

Among the planes he currently is working to restore is a full size replica of a 1913 Morane - Saulnier N. Haynes said once this plane is complete, the owner will take it to trade shows and air shows for people to

see and admire.

The Morane - Saulnier, is just one of the many planes that Haynes restores for people to have as show items, as well as, own a part of aviation history.

But show items are not the only use people get out of the planes that Haynes restores. Many of the

planes are still used for flying, just like the completely restored 1937 Fairchild 24 which is currently at the Elba Airport.

"This is one of those planes you look at and think about Amelia Earhart or other famous pilots from our past," Haynes said while admiring the Fairchild. "I was amazed by

the beauty of this piece of aircraft when we flew her in earlier this week."

He said many people want the old planes restored so they can have them for "fun flying" in their spare time. He even mentioned one man who is having a plane restored so he can teach his children how to fly.

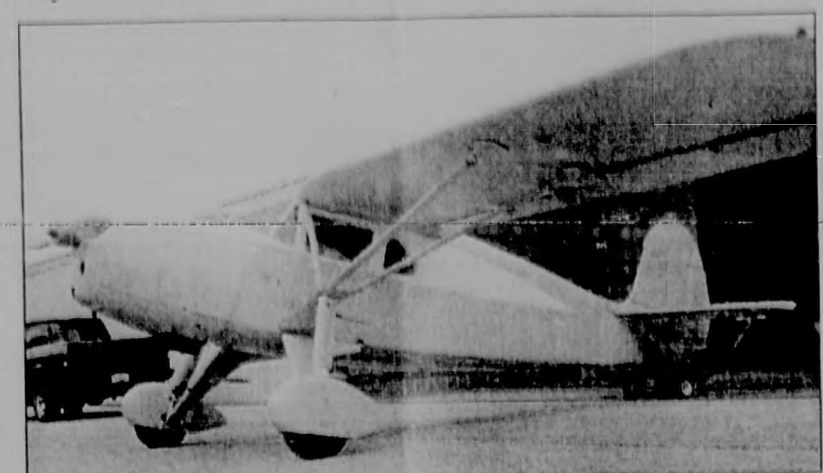
Although his hanger currently contains several old planes like the Morane - Saulnier awaiting restoration, Haynes said he will restore any model of plane. He said it just seems as if he is attracting the older

ones at the present time.

The business is advertised nationally, and Haynes said he has gotten inquiries from all over the country. One of the planes he currently is restoring is for someone from New York.

"As I said earlier, I never planned on doing this," said Haynes. "I do enjoy it, and it makes me feel good knowing that I am able to restore this aircraft for show and/or use."

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Mike Haynes (left) along with other Wing Nuts employees put the wings on this full-size replica of a 1913 Morane-Saulnier N last Friday.

## Committee organized to honor bicentennial anniversary of George Washington's death

Organization of a Coffee County committee to coordinate 1999 activities tied to the bicentennial anniversary of President George Washington's death has been completed.

Members are leaders of the John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, both local organizations. The local group will be called the Coffee County (Ala.) George Washington Bicentennial Committee.

Members from the John Coffee Chapter are: Mrs. Nell Gilmer,

regent, Elba; Mrs. Elsie Hilton, vice regent, New Brockton; Mrs. Charlotte Hobson, past regent, Elba; Wiregrass Chapter: Richard A. Kemp II, president, Ozark; John Ray Fuller, vice president, Enterprise; John R. Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer, Enterprise.

Plans call for area mayors to sign proclamations for citizen observance; presentations of children's books about Washington to city libraries; and community meetings.

Interested persons may call Mrs. Gilmer or Mr. Kemp for more information.

## Coffee County farmers selected for national financial study

Several local Coffee County farmers will be selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) annual Agricultural Resources Management Study.

This study will collect information on agricultural income and expenses, assets and liabilities, cost of producing various commodities, and other farm characteristics.

Herb Vanderberry, state statistician with the Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service in Montgomery

said, "Information collected from local producers will help show the financial health of agriculture and which sectors are more financially vulnerable than others."

Farmers selected for the study will be notified by letter, and Vanderberry stresses that individual reports are strictly confidential.

Reports will be combined to develop an economic picture of conditions at the state, regional and national levels.

## SBA maintains a resource center at Enterprise Chamber of Commerce

The Small Business Administration maintains a resource center at the Chamber of Commerce in Enterprise. A representative from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Troy State University's main campus will visit the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Interested persons should call 347-0581 to set up an appointment.

Counseling services for small businesses are provided quarterly at the resource center in Enterprise by the SBDC-TSU. These services are provided to individuals at no charge. In addition, a mini-library consisting of various government publications will be maintained for examination in the resource center. Publications will not be available for distribution; however, forms for ordering the publications will be provided.

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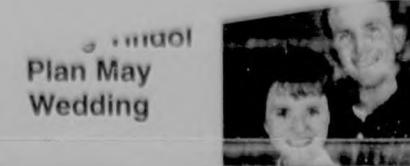
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## County could be rewarded for good bridge maintenance

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Highway Department got a tremendous "Ataboy" in Monday's bi-monthly meeting of the county commission.

Randy Tindell, county engineer, reported to the commissioners that Coffee County is in a three-way tie for the best bridges in the state of Alabama.

He stated as a matter of background that at the close of last year (1998), some 1,685 county bridges within the state were posted with a load limit of 12,980 tons or less. The significance of this limit is that no school bus can cross a bridge which has been restricted to this load limit.

"County roads in Alabama constitute 84.4 percent (58,499 miles) of the total road network in the state," said Tindell. "The combined road and bridge budgets for Alabama counties total \$260,536,831.00 or \$4,453.69 per mile."

Tindell compared that to the 10,845 miles of state and federal roads maintained by the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT). Total funds available to the state DOT in FY 97 totaled \$1,079,491,475.57 or more than \$99,536 per mile.

"There is a remarkable difference in the cost of maintenance," he said. In addressing a proposed \$300 million bond issue to be used in rural bridge replacement, Tindell said, "A total of 14 counties have maintained their bridges in such a way that at least 85 percent of their bridges meet federal standards. To reward these counties and to allow them to catch up on road resurfacing, which may have suffered during their emphasis on bridge replacement, the proposal includes another \$35 million earmarked for road resurfacing in the 14 qualifying counties."

The engineer noted that under the proposed bond issue, Coffee County - as a reward for its past work done on maintaining its rural bridges - is set to receive \$3,766,000 of which \$2,747,000 may be used for resurfacing county roads. The remaining funds will be used to replace the two deficient bridges.

Tindell also commented on the manner in which the \$300 million bond issue could be repaid. It was noted that the annual debt service of \$21 million per year for 25 years could be made by utilizing a portion of the gasoline tax that is retained solely by the state or a portion of the current levy on diesel fuel tax.

At the present time, the statewide tax levied on the sale of diesel fuel is received solely by the state DOT. County governing bodies receive a substantial portion of the levies on gasoline to be used on maintaining rural roads and bridges. However, in FY 1997-98, the diesel fuel tax produced more than \$11 million for the state DOT to be used exclusively on state roads.

Tindell commented that a large number of these diesel burning vehicles travel on rural, county-maintained roads and bridges.

The engineer urged the commissioners and the residents of the county to urge passage of this proposed \$300 million bond issue by the legislature.

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He told commissioners that both he and the county attorney had communicated with company officials and settlements of \$1,000 and \$1,500 have been offered; however Mobley said in his checking prices with local automobile dealers, that if the matter could be resolved by accepting a \$2,500 difference, it would be to the county's advantage.

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Robert Stepien made a motion that the county administrator and attorney settle with the company for \$2,500.00. Commissioner Doug Dalsymple cast the lone dissenting vote.

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After the adjustments, Grimes said some commercial rates would come down and some would go up, but the total should balance out. The new garbage contract will have to be renegotiated because of these additional dumpsters, and the total annual cost will be between \$140,000 and \$150,000. The mayor pointed out that this is still less than the city was previously paying for garbage service. The garbage fee schedule is now on computer in such a way that it can be reviewed, adjusted, etc. without printing the entire utility bill.

The council made two appointments to the Elba Industrial Board. Doris Matthews and Barry Giles were each again reappointed to another five-year term.

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## Disaster Recovery Task Force to meet Thursday afternoon in continuing effort

The Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force will continue the year-long effort to flood-proof Elba citizens Thursday afternoon when the members meet with FEMA representatives concerning the long delay in getting buy-out funds to qualified applicants.

The Task Force will also discuss with National Guard officials the additional flood protection work needed with which the Alabama National Guard may be able to assist.

State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer, both new members of the task force, will be present and offering their help with the many ongoing projects the task force is following. Both have been furnished copies of reports on

past actions and pending work. Even though this will be their first meeting, each one has already been active in making contacts and securing help for flood victims.

The committee meets at the Elba City Hall at 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

Other agencies expected to be represented include Alabama Emergency Management Agency, a prime mover in this work, ADCA, which help with grants, etc.; Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development; Choctawhatchee, Pea & Yellow River Watershed Management Authority, which has been active helping the Corp of Engineers in getting the levee overhaul underway.

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The council oversees activities of senior citizens in a seven county and thirty-four (34) Senior Citizens Centers. He noted that the programs administered by the council are funded by the federal government.

Crowder concluded, "We are, on a statewide basis, trying to take an aggressive look at finding more monies and doing a better job for our senior citizens."

Coffee County Emergency management Director Charles Webb gave a "quick update" on the address conversion process.

He reported that of the fifteen post offices that serve the county, the following have converted over to the E-911 address: Brundidge, Coffee Springs, Daleville, Enterprise, Glenwood, Kinston (partially), Opp, Troy and Samson are very near Elba (the second largest post office) is in the process of notifying their patrons of the changeover.

Webb urged all citizens to properly mark their mail boxes and/or residences with the new E-911 address as noted in the mail-out. "It could mean the difference between life or death since emergency services will be using the E-911 address to locate residences," said Webb.

Any questions concerning E-911 should be directed to the county

EMA office at 894-5415; however, callers should be patient since the phone is extremely busy with the change-over in process.

In other matters of business, commissioners took the following actions:

\*\*\*Made the following appointments: Heber Clark to the Damascus Water Authority; W. R. McDaniel to the Bethany Water Authority; and Jimmy Clark to the Goodman Water Authority.

\*\*\*Tabled for review the two bids received on two (2) scrapers (pans - earth moving equipment). One was from Flint Equipment in Troy, AL at \$286,000 per unit and the other was submitted by Thompson Tractor of Dothan, AL at \$289,689.00 per unit.

\*\*\*Awarded the bid for steel pipe to Choctaw Inc. of Montgomery. Their total bid was low at \$10,674.00.

\*\*\*The annual bid for driving steel piling was awarded to F & W Construction, Inc., of Ozark, AL. They submitted the only bid at \$23,150.00. The bid was accepted subject to the county engineer negotiating a lower price if possible.

\*\*\*Skyline Steel Corp. was the

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